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In Tilles, H4490.02 is identified with Hillman Motor Car Co. Ltd., Coventry. In Bulletin 239 Rosemary Smith sent in another identity for this perfin - namely Humber Ltd., London EC. The cover was dated 1900 and stamp a ½d green Jubilee. The question was asked, "Is this classed as the Hillman Company?"

In Bulletin 240, DAVE HILL wrote to say that Humber did not become part of Rootes group until 1930 and he believed Rootes had already acquired Hillman by 1930, so the 1900 cover must be a Humber Ltd., in its own right.

Now DAVE HILL adds the following:-

"In Bulletin 240 I expressed some doubt of a link between Humber Ltd and Hillman Cars Ltd., both reported as users of H/Ld-H4490.02. I have since found that Humber did have a controlling interest in Hillmans and also Sunbeam Talbot, another car maker. They also controlled lorry makers Kommer and Karrier; bodymakers, British Light Steel Pressings; and coachbuilders, Thrupp & Maberly.